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ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND

I, _____ [print or type full name], of _____
[print or type full address], declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its
entirety and understand the Stipulated Protective Order that was issued by the
United States District Court for the Northern District of California on
_____ [date] in the case of *MATTHEW SCHEID and MELTON*
MCCLANAHAN, JR., et al. vs. FREMONT GENERAL CORPORATION,
FREMONT GENERAL CREDIT CORPORATION, and FREMONT INVESTMENT
& LOAN, Case No. C07 - 06063 CRB. I agree to comply with and to be bound by
all the terms of this Stipulated Protective Order and I understand and acknowledge
that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the
nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any
information or item that is subject to this Stipulated Protective Order to any person
or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of this Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District
Court for the Northern District of California for the purpose of enforcing the terms
of this Stipulated Protective Order, even if such enforcement proceedings occur
after termination of this action.

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2 I hereby appoint _____ [print or type full name] of
3 _____ [print or type full address and telephone number] as my
4 California agent for service of process in connection with this action or any
5 proceedings related to enforcement of this Stipulated Protective Order.

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7 Date: _____

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9 City and State where sworn and signed: _____

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12 Printed name: _____

13 [printed name]

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17 Signature: _____

18 [signature]